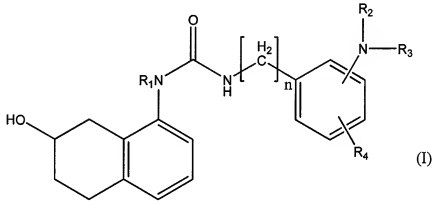
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims so that they read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A tetrahydro-naphthalene derivative of the formula (I), its tautomeric or stereoisomeric form, or a salt thereof:



(I)

wherein

n represents an integer of 0 to 6;

R_1 represents hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R_2 and R_3 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a ~~3-8~~ 5-7 membered saturated heterocyclic ring optionally interrupted by one or two atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen~~, sulfur~~ and nitrogen,

wherein said saturated heterocyclic ring has one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, benzyl, hydroxy, carboxy, amino, oxo, aminocarbonyl, C_{1-6}

alkoxycarbonyl, and C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, carboxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy, or C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyl,

or

R_2 represents C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, or C_{1-6} alkyl substituted by amino, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkylamino, or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino;

R_3 represents hydrogen, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, or C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by amino, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkylamino, or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino; and

R_4 represents hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by mono-, di-, or tri-halogen, or C_{1-6} alkoxy optionally substituted by mono-, di-, or tri-halogen.

2. (Previously Presented) The tetrahydro-naphthalene derivative of the formula (I), its tautomeric or stereoisomeric form, or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1,

wherein

n represents an integer of 0 or 1;

R_1 represents hydrogen;

R_2 and R_3 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a 5-7 membered saturated heterocyclic ring optionally interrupted by one or two atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen and nitrogen,

wherein said saturated heterocyclic ring has one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of benzyl, hydroxy, carboxy, oxo, aminocarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyl, and C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy, or C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyl,

or

R_2 represents C_{1-6} alkyl substituted by hydroxy, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino;

R_3 represents hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino; and

R_4 represents hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by mono-, di-, or tri-halogen, or C_{1-6} alkoxy optionally substituted by mono-, di-, or tri-halogen.

3. (Previously Presented) The tetrahydro-naphthalene derivative of the formula (I), its tautomeric or stereoisomeric form, or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1, wherein

n represents an integer of 0 or 1;

R_1 represents hydrogen;

R_2 and R_3 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a pyrrolidinyl optionally substituted by oxo, piperidinyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, carboxy, aminocarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyl, or C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, piperazinyl optionally substituted by benzyl, homopiperidinyl, or morpholinyl,

or

R_2 represents C_{1-6} alkyl substituted by hydroxy, or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino; R_3 represents hydrogen, or C_{1-6} alkyl; and R_4 represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, bromo, C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by mono-, di-, or tri-halogen, or C_{1-6} alkoxy.

4. (Previously Presented) A tetrahydro-naphthalene derivative, its tautomeric or stereoisomeric form, or a salt thereof selected from the group consisting of:

N-(7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)-N'-[3-piperidin-1-yl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]urea;

N-(7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)-N'-[4-pyrrolidin-1-yl-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]urea;

N-(7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)-N'-[3-pyrrolidin-1-yl-4-(-trifluoromethyl)benzyl]urea;

N-[4-azepan-1-yl-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]-N'-(7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)urea;

N-[3-azepan-1-yl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]-N'-(7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)urea;

N-(3-bromo-4-piperidin-1-ylbenzyl)-N'-(7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)urea;

N-[(7R)-7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-N'-[3-pyrrolidin-1-yl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]urea;

N-[(7S)-7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-N'-[3-pyrrolidin-1- yl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]urea;

N-(7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)-N'-[4-piperidin-1-yl-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]urea;

ethyl 1-[5-[({[(7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)amino]carbonyl}amino)-methyl]-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]piperidine-4-carboxylate; and

N-[(7R)-7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-N'-[3-morpholin-4-yl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]urea.

5. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a tetrahydro-naphthalene derivative of the formula (I), its tautomeric or stereoisomeric form, or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 1 ~~in~~ as an active ingredient, ~~plus at least one~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

6. (canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein said tetrahydro-naphthalene derivative of the formula (I), its tautomeric or stereoisomeric form, or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof is a VR1 antagonist.

Claims 8 - 18. (canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A process for controlling pain in a human or animal comprising administering an effective amount of at least one compound according to claim 1.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 20 wherein said pain is chronic pain, neuropathic pain, postoperative pain, or rheumatoid arthritic pain.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A process for controlling a pain associated with a disease or disorder

comprising administering an effective amount of at least one compound according to claim 1.

26. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 25 wherein said disorder or disease is neuralgia, a neuropathy, algesia, nerve injury, ischaemia, neurodegeneration, or stroke.

27. (New) The tetrahydro-naphthalene derivative of claim 4, its tautomeric or stereoisomeric form, or a salt thereof wherein the compound is N-[(7R)-7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-N'-[3-pyrrolidin-1-yl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]urea.

28. (New) The tetrahydro-naphthalene derivative of claim 4, its tautomeric or stereoisomeric form, or a salt thereof wherein the compound is N-[(7R)-7-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-N'-[3-morpholin-4-yl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]urea.